Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 16970 252053Z

20
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 NEA-10 ISO-00 SAJ-01 SAM-01 SCCT-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 OMB-01 /080 W
---------- 025976
R 251959Z NOV 75
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7142
INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
USLO PEKING
CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16970

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR, IN
SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENT: SOVIET TREATMENT

REF: A. NEW DELHI 15058 (NOTAL) B. MOSCOW 15828; C. MOSCOW 15909; D. MOSCOW 16030

1. SUMMARY. THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW EXPANDED THEIR COMMENTARY ON THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENT OF OCTOBER 20 BEYOND STRAIGHT REPLAYS OF NEW DELHI'S VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED. ONE RECENT COMMENTARY SEES THE INCIDENT AS THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF PEKING'S ALLEGED POLICY OF EXPANSIONISM AND HEGEMONISM, WHILE ANOTHER LOOKS BACK OVER TWENTY YEARS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 16970 252053Z

OF SINO-INDIAN BORDER PROBLEMS. IN THESE ITEMS, AS

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

IMPLICITLY IN THE EARLIER ONES, MOSCOW ACCEPTS WITHOUT QUESTION INDIA'S VERSION OF THIS AND OTHER INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET MEDIA REPORTED THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENT IN SHORT ITEMS ON NOVEMBER 2, 3 AND 6 INCLUDING ONE REFERENCE TO THE 14,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF INDIAN TERRITORY WHICH CHINA ALLEGEDLY SEIZED AND CONTINUES TO OCCUPY (REF B, PARA 5; REF C, PARA 7; REF D, PARA 6). NONE OF THESE ITEMS WAS BY NISETOV, AND WE HAVE NOT NOTED IN THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS THE ARTICLE BY HIM MENTIONED IN REF A.

3. MOSCOW HAS, HOWEVER, COME OUT WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENTARIES PEGGED TO THE OCTOBER 20 INCIDENT WHICH DENOUNCE "PEKING'S HEGEMONISTIC AMBITIONS" TOWARD INDIA AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. PRAVDA (NOV 22) CARRIES A STINGING ATTACK ON CHINA BY TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER A. BIRYUKOV WHICH SAYS THAT THE FOUR INDIAN BORDER GUARDS WERE KILLED IN AN "AMBUSH," AND THAT THE PRC STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT SAID "NOTHI G SPECIFIC IN JUSTIFICATION." THE ARTICLE THEN SPEAKS OF PEKING'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND ALLEGES THAT "MAPS PUBLISHED IN PEKING" SHOW AREAS OF INDIA, BURMA, MONGOLIA AND THE USSR AS "BELONGING TO CHINA". THESE AREAS ARE EQUAL TO "ONE-THIRD OF THE AREA OF THE PRC," SAYS BIRYUKOV. PEKING'S CLAIMS, HE CONTINUES, ARE BASED ON TERRITORIES RULED BY CHINESE "FEUDAL" RULERS. BY MONGOLIAN AND MANCHU CONQUERORS, AND EVEN AREAS VISITED BY CHINESE TRAVELERS "HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO."

4. A SIMILAR ITEM APPEARED IN THE SOVIET MAGAZINE NEW TIMES (NO 46, NOV 14), BY YU. GOTLOBER AND YU. SHTYKANOV. THE ARTICLE RECALLS THE HISTORY OF SINO-INDIAN BORDER PROBLEMS BEGINNING WITH THE RECENT ONE AND GOING BACK TO THE 50'S. IT POINTS OUT THAT OCTOBER 20 WAS ALSO THE DATE OF AN INCIDENT IN 1959 AND IN 1962 MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE "WIDE SCALE CHINESE AGGRESSION ALONG BOTH THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SECTORS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 16970 252053Z

BORDER." IT REPEATS THE CHARGES OF CHINESE SUPPORT TO THE NAGAS AND MIZOS AND CITES PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S COMMENT ON CHINESE INTERFERENCE IN HER OCTOBER 12 "SUNDAY TELEGRAPH" INTERVIEW. THE NEW TIMES ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT THE LATEST INCIDENT IS SIMPLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE "MAOIST" LEADERSHIP'S "GREAT POWER HEGEMONISTIC POLICY," WHICH OPPOSES THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

5. COMMENT: MOSCOW THUS CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTS INDIA'S POSITION ON THE RECENT INCIDENT AND BY IMPLICATION ON PREVIOUS BORDER CONFLICTS AND INCIDENTS. THESE ITEMS DO NOT GO INTO THE LEGAL AND TERRITORIAL ISSUES, BUT AGAIN SEEM TO IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF INDIAN CLAIMS. THE MAIN POINT, AS THE INDIAN EXPERT SAID IN REF A (PARA 3), IS THAT THE RECENT INCIDENT HAS BECOME PART OF THE PATTERN OF "CHINESE EXPANSIONISM" WHICH MOSCOW CLAIMS TO SEE AS PEKING'S POLICY THROUGHOUT ASIA.
MATLOCK

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS SUMMARIES, BORDER INCIDENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW16970
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750411-0225
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751112/aaaaajxc.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 NEW DELHI 15058
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <27 OCT 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENT: SOVIET TREATMENT
TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR, IN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006